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Hold off on that ark:

Winter storms yet to challenge West Sac levees

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Despite several weeks of frequent rain, the river runs low and flood threats remain nothing but a distant worry.

That's the report from Ken Ruzich, director of Reclamation District 900, the tax-funded agency that watches over levees surrounding the southern 80 percent of West Sacramento. Ruzich said yesterday that West Sacramento's flood protection system remains a strong one – and has not yet been challenged by this winter's storms.

"We've had a lot of rain, but it has come down very gradually," said Ruzich. "It just flows through and doesn't do any harm. The water level in the river is still very low – it is running at 11 feet, and 'flood' stage is 28 feet. The reservoirs were empty, and they're still not releasing any water from the reservoirs."

To cope with more serious challenges than the one posed by this winter so far, West Sacramento has built a "high" level of flood protection, reports Ruzich.

In his trade, the level of flood protection is measured as how vulnerable a region is to an event of a certain magnitude. If a neighborhood is threatened only by the kind of flooding that comes along about every 200 years, then it has "200-year" flood protection. In practical terms, this means that each year that neighborhood has about a one in 200 chance of flooding.

How much flood protection does West Sacramento have? More than Sacramento at present, said Ruzich.

"Depending on how you measure it, we've got something like 250-year flood protection."

Sacramento is in a slightly different boat.

"They've got some different problems," Ruzich commented. "I think that everything in Sacramento has at least 100-year level flood protection. Their objective is to have everything up to a 200-year level."

West Sacramento was sparked into a round of levee improvements by some high water in 1986, he added.

"The really high water in '86 stirred everyone up, and we got funding available. Since 1989, we've done about $45 million in levee improvements. We just finished last summer. We're still working on some things."

Ruzich says the city's levees are in good shape. But in the event of very high water, the levees get patrolled to make sure they're not failing.

"When the water gets to a certain level, we start patrolling 24 hours a day. We have people on the levees looking for problems. And at some point, the city would open its emergency operations center."

But that – knock on wood – isn't on the horizon yet this winter in West Sacramento.

Joining Reclamation District 900 are two other districts, 537 and 811, which maintain flood control systems in the northern part of the city. The three districts and the city often work jointly.

Local taxpayers foot the bill for this protection through their county tax bill. Landowners are charged based on their acreage and their land use. An average homeowner, said Ruzich, pays around $20 per year for the flood protection services of the reclamation districts.

Library seeks a new chapter

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

West Sacramento's bid for state bond funds to help pay for expansion of its local county library branch fell short last fall. But local leaders have some hope of getting new traction for the expansion project in 2006.

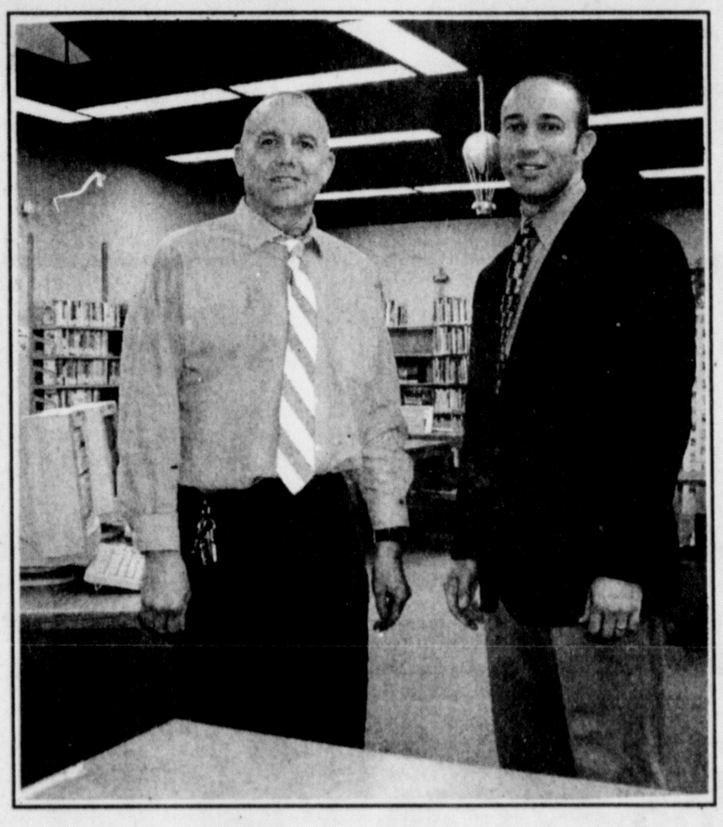
"The most important thing is that there is a bond issue for $600 million on the state ballot in June of 2006," said Mary Stephens, the Yolo County librarian. "Should that measure pass, up to $300 million could be prioritized for unfunded 'Cycle Three' applications such as ours."

West Sacramento's bid failed to win approval in "cycle three" of the last state bond disbursal, as did another Yolo County application involving the city of Winters. The competition for the state's money from all over the California was tight.

"Seventy-two projects asked for about $586 million," said Stephens. "12 of them were funded, for a total of approximately $80 million."

Local leaders lamented that the funding application to build a larger local library facility in West Sacramento was scored as "very good" by the state's decision-makers – a second-level score. But with only one exception, only "outstanding" applications walked away with bond money.

The county library system, the city of West Sacramento and the local school district all worked together to create the funding application. But city council member Oscar Villegas last fall told the council that the award criteria were tilted against West Sacramento. The state's scoring system favored large single-story buildings with lots of parking, while West Sacramento's planned "infill" project would have more stories and less parking, but nearby access to city hall, a planned community college campus and public transit near West Capitol and Merkley avenues.



DALE GILLIARD, librarian at West Sacramento's local branch, with OSCAR VILLEGAS, a city council member who has worked on the plan to bring the city a larger library

Villegas last week allowed that funding right now "doesn't look too good."

"It doesn't, I'm sad to say, look any better for the next time," said Villegas. "We're going to have to lay out all our options on the table and see what the community wants. There are a couple of problems with our application – we don't (plan to build) a traditional, large, there flat single-story building with a lot of parking around it. We opted to place our library in a redevelopment area. You don't have the luxury to create a lot of single buildings with a lot of parking. It's 'smart-growthy,' but unfortunately we don't get credit for that."

And changing the application to better fit the state's criteria, warned Villegas, might make it a "new" application that loses its place in line.

So what else could West Sacramento do to find the money for a new library?

"One of the options we need to talk about is what Woodland has done, which is no longer having a county library branch but having a city library system," Villegas commented. "Another thing we need to talk about is location. If that location isn't going to make our application strong, then we need to explore another location, or get them to give more credit to an infill project like ours. Our project is close to schools, to (planned) mass transit, to a city college center, to the city's largest intersection (Jefferson at West Capitol) and to city hall, but if you look at their scoring, you don't get credit for that."

West Sacramento has failed twice to get state money to help replace the current, 8,000-square foot Arthur F. Turner Branch at 1212 Merkley with a new, 25,000-square foot branch a few yards away. The project would cost about $11 million, with over half the funds projected to come from state bond money.

Dale Gilliard, branch librarian at the current facility, told the News-Ledger it is simply too small.

"For example, we could use more internet stations for the public to use, but there isn't the space," said Gilliard. "This building was built in 1976. It's not wired for modern technology. As we get more materials, we have to make room. This branch was built to house 35,000 volumes, and now we're pushing 80,000 volumes – we're bursting at the seams here."

The branch simply can't keep pace with the city's growth, Gilliard said.

Meanwhile, county librarian Stephens remains hopeful that the state's voters will pass the new $600 million library bond measure in 2006, and that half of that money will be immediately parceled out to expansion projects already in the pipeline, like West Sacramento's. She can't be sure, though, of either hope.

"One question that has to be decided, then, is do we go ahead with the design work using some of our funding now, to save time? And how much time would that save?," asked Stephens.

Local officials will be mulling over such questions in the near future. The issue is expected to come up at a city/county "two by two" meeting next week, when two city council members sit down with two county supervisors for a routine exchange.

Coming up in local government

The West Sacramento City Council will meet in open session tonight at 7 p.m. at 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

Among the agenda items:

Proclamations to outgoing board and commission members; subdivision improvement agreement for Newport Estates; acceptance of improvements at The Classics Village 2; approval of parcel map at 611 Pecan Street; acceptance of improvements to Southport Parkway; contract with consultant for environmental services for the "Parks at Southport"; contract for services for "Harbor Point"; Oak Street water tank rehabilitation contract; contract for five-year plan for housing and redevelopment activities; settlement with Yolo County regarding calculation of tax increment pass-through; vacation of a portion of Antioch Avenue;

Various changes to the city zoning ordinance; development agreement for Bridgeway Lakes II; changes to sidewalk width and core blocks alignment for Triangle Specific Plan; agreements for development of Riverview Office Building in Triangle Specific Plan; consideration of city economic development strategy; and settlement of financial issues with Port of Sacramento.

The school board of the Washington Unified School District will meet Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in public session at the civic center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

On Monday, the board held a special meeting for "dialog" with the local teachers' union.

Thursday's agenda includes discussion of hats and beanies related to the dress code; "annual measurable objectives achievement report," Westfield program improvement restructuring; "community involvement in designing our schools"; lease-purchase of buses; request for proposal for preparation of facilities master plan; and preliminary engenderment assessment for new high school; as well as various personnel and financial actions.

The project of "master planning" several hundred acres owned by the Port of Sacramento in West Sacramento's "Southport" area continues. Several public meetings are scheduled to discuss options for the land, including four alternative land

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Armed robber sought

West Sacramento police are looking for help in solving a Dec. 26 armed robbery at a gas station on Riverpoint Circle.

The robbery occurred at about 3:10 a.m., when a man entered a Shell station and asked a clerk for directions to Reno. The suspect then took a gun from his waistband and demanded money. He fled in a waiting vehicle.

The suspect is described as Hispanic, about 21 years old, with a thin build and very short hair. He was wearing dark pants and a black-and-white Pendleton-type shirt with a gray sweatshirt under it. The car was described as a gray Honda Accord or Civic.

Anyone with information is asked to call 375-6474, asks Detective Tom Maggiano.

Five generations–

Pictured above (left to right) are: Bari Becker, Debi Mills, Great-great grandmother Esther Stinchfield of West Sacramento, Jen Wecker (holding baby Donald Lee Becker II), and Sue Kelsey. They comprise five generations of lineage descending from matriarch Esther Stinchfield.

Remembering West Sac through photographs

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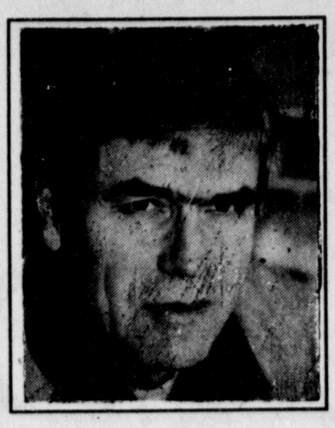

By Daryl Fisher

The West Sacramento Historical Society recently put out a little book of old black and white photographs from bygone days when our city was much smaller and quite different from what it is now and a copy of it somehow found its way to the *News-Ledger*. As I thumbed through the text of the book the other night I already knew such things as West Sacramento was first called Washington and that its rich and very fertile topsoil was what had first attracted early settlers, including Japanese, Russian, and Portuguese immigrants. I also knew that as the years went by four very distinct communities (Broderick, Bryte, West Sacramento, and Southport) slowly emerged and finally became one city when West Sacramento was incorporated in 1987. But although some of the text was very interesting, it was of course the old photographs which brought back the fun memories.

As someone who has lived in this town his entire life, it's hard to explain to newer arrivals that it really wasn't all that long ago when West Sacramento more resembled a little riverbank town in the Midwest than the suburban bedroom community it is fast becoming. In fact, some of my earliest memories go back to refreshing swimming holes along the western side of the Sacramento River where thick underbrush and giant oaks were everywhere and where some of my friends would bravely shimmy up an old rope, get it swinging as fast as they could, and then fling themselves off into the river to cool themselves off during what was always a long hot summer.

Anyway, as I looked through the photographs contained in *Images of America -- West Sacramento*, the first one which grabbed my attention was of the beautiful old Capitol Inn, which had been designed to replicate the State of California capitol building and which was located not far away from the Hotel El Rancho, which was the other big luxury hotel on what is now West Capitol Avenue. Back when I was growing up only a few blocks away on Michigan Boulevard, these two stopping off places were highly respected across the river and frequented by politicians and famous entertainers and families traveling from the Bay Area to Sacramento or Lake Tahoe. Many people forget that it wasn't all that long ago when the only way to get from San Francisco to Sacramento was to drive right through West Sacramento and go over the Tower Bridge. In fact that is the main reason West Capitol Avenue became dotted with so many hotels, only to have the vast majority of that business dry up with the construction of the U.S. 50 Pioneer Bridge in the late 1960's. But when I was young, hanging out at Kelly's Drive Inn (a photo of which is also in the book) where carhops actually waited on you, and sneaking into the swimming pools of the many fine hotels and motels along West Capitol Avenue, were both rites of passage.

The next photograph which sent me hurtling down memory lane was of the old El Rancho Drive-In Theater, which was also located on West Capitol Avenue and was in business for about 30 years ending in the 1970's. In the late 1950's and early 1960's, however, it was a wonderful open-air theater where my parents would often take me and my brother and sister to see the latest western or comedy films Hollywood had to offer. And when my parents were otherwise occupied, some of my friends and I would just pedal our bicycles down Michigan Boulevard, park them in an old ditch that ran along the back of the theater, and then once it was good and dark, sneak through a small hole in the fence and watch the cartoons and the first of the double feature for free. And although there were many nights when it only cost $1.50 a carload to legally get into the movies at the El Rancho, it always seemed a little more fun to sneak in and lay out on the patch of lush green grass which was right in front of the gigantic screen.

There are numerous other great photographs in the book, including ones of the Club Pheasant when it was still the mysterious and somewhat shady Hideaway Club, and long before it became the famous Italian restaurant lovingly looked after by generations of the Palamidessi family; and of the old West Capitol Raceway, where I spent many a night in my youth watching beat up stock cars and their brave drivers roar around that speedy quarter-mile dirt track; and of some of the early and inexpensive tract homes which were built in this area for veterans like my dad who were starting their families after returning home from World War Two.

So, when my 30-year old daughter called earlier today from her home in Sacramento and among other things asked me what I was going to write about this week in my column, I told her I thought I would give a new book of old West Sacramento photographs that the West Sacramento Historical Society had just collected and published a little plug.

"Looking at all those old photos really reminded me of how great it was to grow up in West Sacramento," I said to her.

"Well, Dad, just between you and me, you wanna know what my best memory of growing up in West Sac is?"

"Sure," I answered with interest.

"The day I moved out!"

"You just wait and see young lady -- you'll be back!"

Anyone interested in purchasing a copy of "Images of America -- West Sacramento" can do so by calling West Sacramento Historical Society member Jeri Hughes-Wingfield at 371-7678. Copies of the book are also being sold at West Sacramento's Gorman's Stationery store. The price of the book is $19.99.

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Obituaries

Dana Conto

Dana Conto passed away at the age of 44 on January 6, 2005. She was the beloved daughter of Mary Conto and the late Daniel Conto; the dear sister of John (Debbie) Conto; and is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Dana was part of the last graduating class of James Marshall High School and a lifelong resident of West Sacramento. She worked at Tower Records in West Sacramento for 24 years and will be greatly missed by her many friends and family who loved her dearly.

Friends are invited to attend a recitation of the Rosary on January 12, 2005 at noon in the River Cities Funeral Chapel in West Sacramento. Visitation hours that day will begin at 10 a.m. Following the Rosary, there will be a fellowship at the VFW, Post #8762 across the street. Memorials are preferred to St. Jude's Hospital or the Shriner's Hospital for children, or your charity of choice.

Jason R. Null

Jason Null passed away on December 17, 2004 at the age of 36 in Wappapello, Missouri. He was born on August 4, 1968 in Sacramento, graduated from West Sacramento's River City High School in 1986, and served four years in the U.S. Marines. He leaves behind his daughter, Kiah, age 7, who lives in Missouri with her mother, Kelli, and sister Jada. He is also survived by his loving mother, Susan Null, of West Sacramento; aunts Sylvia Morrison, of Oregon, and Carole Pickens (Curt), of West Sacramento; uncle Tom Bartley (Barbara), of West Sacramento; cousins Karen Cagle, of West Sacramento, Stacy Zubiate (Rick), of Arizona, Stephen Pickens, of Placerville, Richard Morrison (Bobbi), of South Dakota, Catherine Evans (David), of Sausalito, and Jennifer Smith (Tom), of Oregon; and his grandfather, Earl Bartley, and his grandmother, Virginia Bartley. His uncle, Ted Bartley, and his cousin, Randall Cagle, preceded him in death. In Missouri, Jason is survived by his father, Richard Null, grandparents Virgie and Elden Null, sisters Donna and Lisa, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Jason will be greatly missed by his family and the many friends who loved him.

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SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

This week the sports world was busy creating new to begin the New Year. The Kings returned to Sacramento with a couple of new players to shake up the line-up while the 49ers begin their search for a new coach and general manager. In baseball all is quiet on the western front but on the east coast the Yankees and Mets are in a vicious war of free agents. The Yankees and Mets are fighting over Carlos Beltran who only wants a seven-year $119 million contract. The Mets are close to signing him but don't count Mr. Steinbrenner out.

The big news is USC's 55-19 whipping over the Oklahoma Sooners to win the NCAA title and the 49ers trying to recruit their coach Pete Carroll to take over the helm of the sinking ship in San Francisco. Carroll held a press conference to announce to the sports world that he's not interested in coach the Niners or any other team. Yeah right !

Kings Korner

The Sacramento Kings (21-11) returned to the friendly confines of the Arco Arena just in time after a 2-2 eastern road trip. The boys in Silver, Black, Purple limped home with a two game split but their losses were to some sorry teams.

First the Kings broke their jinx against New York after eight straight losses to Knicks which was great but then Kings lost the following night to the Toronto Raptors 96-93. They regrouped to beat Atlanta but then there was another big let down losing to the hapless New Orleans Hornets 121-117 in overtime. The Hornets have only 3 wins this season. I guess some of the Kings visited Bourbon Street the night before the game! The Hornets average 85 points per game and have only won 2 games at home.

Peja was outstanding in this game scoring 37 but only 2

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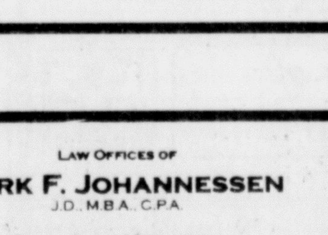

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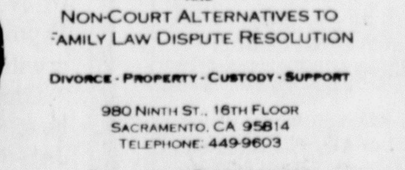

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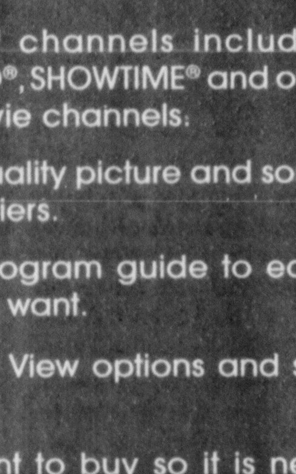

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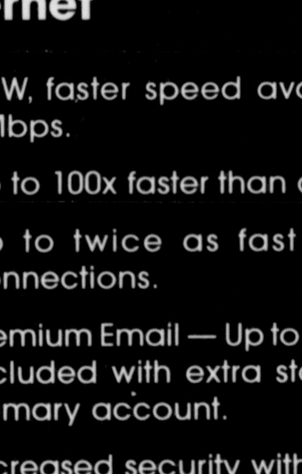

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Donation of books and magazines as well as audio, and video materials are accepted that the library during business hours.

New books to check out from local branch

By Elise McCallan
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The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

"IPM for Gardeners: A Guide to Integrated Pest Management" by Raymond A. Cloyd and others.

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The library will be closed on Monday January 17 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Call 375-6465 for information and library hours.

'Across the Bridge':

Events around the region

Genealogical association meets

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento will meet at 1 p.m. on January 19th at the Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive in Sacramento. The program will be about the Civil War and slave quilts. Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information call 683-8004.

Glass, china and pottery show

The Sacramento International Depression Glass Club's 34th Anniversary Glass, China and Pottery Show and Sale will be held on February 5-6 at the Sacramento Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H Street in Sacramento. There will be vintage glass, china and pottery from the turn of the century to the present. Sacramento public libraries will benefit from some of the proceeds. For more information call 456-2280.

55th Autorama

The 55th Annual Sacramento Autorama is scheduled for the Californian State Fairgrounds at Cal Expo on February 4, 2005. The three-day show will feature the best of the best of custom and hot rod creations. There will be custom cars, trucks, street rods, restored classics, drag track racers, custom motorcycles and much more. For further information call 530-677-4761.

German genealogy society meets

The next meeting of the Sacramento German Genealogy Society will be on January 25th at 1 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Lusk Drive and St. Mark's Way in Sacramento. The program will be "Traditions and Customs Relating to the Events Recorded about Our German Ancestor's Lives." For more information, call 782-5704 or visit the society's website at www.SacGerGenSoc.org.

SCC presents "Top Girls"

City Theatre at Sacramento City College will present "Top Girls" opening on January 21st and playing through February 6th. The play is about a wild famous women from history and will make you laugh, cry, and want to throw things. Performances will be held in the Art Court Theatre at SCC, 3835 Freeport Boulevard in Sacramento. Tickets are $12 for general admission. For reservations call 558-2228.

Wildlife viewing

The Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge will be open on

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points in the final 8 minutes of their loss. The Kings need another out side shooter to take the heat off Peja who gets double-teamed at crunch time.

The Kings road on the back of Mike Bibby and Maurice Evans on their east coast trip while C-Webb and Peja struggled to score points. The Hornets torched the Kings defense for 30 points in the fourth quarter. It's hard to understand how Kings can beat San Antonio and the first place Suns but then lose to teams like the Hornets.

The Kings still trail Phoenix by eight games and have only lost 4 games this season. The Suns have a very young and talented squad that runs and guns and plays solid defense. This must be the reason the Kings picked up guard Eddie House off the waiver wires and then traded Doug Christie to Orlando for Cuttino Mobley and Michael Bradley. Mobley is a 6 foot 4 shooting guard who averaged 16 points per game with Orlando. Bradley, who nursing a pulled hamstring is a 6 foot 10 power forward.

The Kings will give up some defense trading Christie but with Bobby Jackson out for the season Mobley will provide a three-point shooter to take the pressure off of Peja. Looks like the Kings are finally braking up the team that took them to the seventh game against the Lakers two years ago. It's time to get younger and faster to keep pace with the rest of the NBA teams.

Speaking of years it looks like the Kings management made a good choice in not signing fan favorite Vlade Divac. Divac has been nursing a sore back and now faces surgery that will bench him for the rest of the year.

The Kings will host the Nuggets on Tuesday night followed by Utah on Thursday and the then Los Angeles Clippers (ch. 10) come to town on for a rare Saturday night game.

NFL News

The 49ers finally fired their coach Dennis Erickson but it was surprise that Niners owner John York also canned general manager Terry Donahue. York has decided to open up him wallet to sign free agents and hire a coach build up the franchise and return the 49ers to the glory days. Did I mention York wants to get the city of San Francisco pitch in on a new $355 million stadium.

The 49ers first choice to replace Erickson would be USC's mastermind Pete Carroll. Carroll has NFL coaching experience but the Niners are hoping he could influence his Heisman's Trophy winning quarterback, Matt Leinart to leave college early. The 49ers had the worst salary cap situation in the NFL. The Niners had $29 million of the $81 million cap occupied by salaries of players who are no longer on the team. This dead money will drop to $8 million.

NFL Playoffs

Wild card weekend is history and so are the Packers, Broncos, Chargers and Seahawks.

Only one home team won their first round of the playoffs. The Vikings shocked Green Bay and now they have to tackle the NFC favorite Philadelphia Eagles.

The Seahawks were rammed by St. Louis in their new stadium so now the Rams (+7) head to Atlanta to face Michael Vick and Company. In the AFC the Chargers lost in overtime to the Jets and Peyton Manning and company crushed the Broncos.

This week match ups will be exciting to watch with the Jets (+9) visiting the Steel Curtain in Pittsburg while Peyton Manning the Colts (+2 ½) take his traveling show to play outdoors in New England. This week I like the Colts over the defending champs and Pittsburgh should ground the Jets

Last week I picked four losers so don't bet the house this week on my predictions. I did say the Chargers and Jets would go into overtime but I still lost my house. In the NFC I like the Rams and the 7 points and if the Vikings (+9) play like they did last week against the Packers they can pull off the biggest upset of the playoffs.

On Saturday it's the Jets at Pittsburgh (1:30 p.m.) and St. Louis visits Atlanta (5p.m.). The Divisional playoffs end with Minnesota at Philadelphia (10 a.m.) and Colts travel to New England (1:30 p.m.).

See ya next week!

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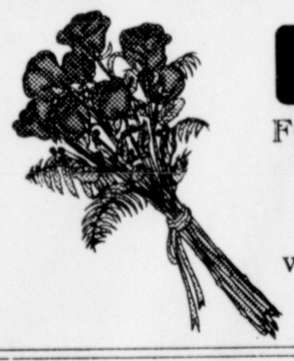

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Trinity Presbyterian Church 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. Rev. Steve Whitney (916) 371-5875 Service: Sunday at 10 a.m. including children's programs.	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. (near Todhunter) Rev. Chad Puthoff, SDS Sat. Vigil 5 p.m. (English) Sunday 9 (English) Noon & 7 p.m. (Spanish) Mon 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish), Fri. 8:30 a.m. Call 371-1211	**First Southern Baptist Church** Rev. Gregory W. Kirk Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Sun. Worship 11am Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111
SouthPort Community Church Pastor Bruce Maier Celebration Worship Sunday 10:30 a.m. KidLand during service. Youth & Small Group Ministry for All Ages. 2568 Industrial Blvd. 372-7818 www.southportcommunity.com	**WestSide Covenant Church** Worship Services at Collings Teen Center 1541 Merkley Ave. Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. www.westsidecov.org 371-3933	**Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church** 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father James B. Walsh, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m. Weekdays 7 a.m. No Mass on Thursday
Center for Spiritual Awareness 1020 W. Capitol Ave., 374-9177 Sun. services 8:30, 10 & 11 am Meditation room opens 30 minutes prior to services. Praise & worship 15 min. prior Junior church for all ages at 10 am & 11:45 am	**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** 2667 Linden Road Bishop Ray Jackson, (916) 372-1113 Sunday Meeting Times: Sacrament Meeting, 9 a.m. PUBLIC WELCOME!	**New Discovery Christian Church** Meets at Southport Elementary School 2747 Linden Road at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Jerry Green (916) 600-3784

Police log

Jan. 6, 3:26 a.m.

Near F and 5th streets, an officer stopped a 40-year old Washington, D.C., woman who had left a motel. The suspect had something in her mouth, and the officer told her to open her mouth. The woman then began swallowing the object, which the officer tried to prevent. The woman then spit out a white flaky substance onto a cartop, and immediately licked it up. The suspect gave the officer a false name and had been driving with an expired licensed. She was cleared at a hospital (for possibly swallowing drugs) before being jailed.

Jan. 6, 3:05 p.m.

A police officer contacted a 43-year old West Sacramento man on Andrews Street. The man showed signs of the use of methamphetamine or cocaine. He discarded a "crack" pipe in view of the officer. Since he was a parolee, the parole office was advised and placed a "hold" on the suspect, who was then booked.

Jan. 6, 7:54 p.m.

An officer found a 53-year old homeless man crawling slowly in a lane of West Capitol Avenue near Walnut. The man was too intoxicated to care for himself, and was taken into custody.

Jan. 6, 9:40 p.m.

A 22-year old West Sacramento man drove past a police car at high speed near Kegle and Sacramento Avenue, then was seen to run two cars off the road, cross into oncoming traffic lanes several times, and run through multiple stop signs, while failing to yield to the pursuing officers using sirens and lights. When he stopped, the man admitted to officers that he was drunk and said "My wife wanted me home now." Instead of going home, he went to jail.

Jan. 7, 2:40 a.m.

At a Jefferson Blvd. business, someone forced open a rear door and made off with an undetermined number of cell phones.

Jan. 7, 3:59 a.m.

A Deerwood Street man reported that his "Hummer" vehicle had just been stolen. The vehicle had an onboard communications service, and about 20 minutes after the report, the "Onstar" communications company reported tracking the vehicle on Industrial Blvd. near Parkway. Police engaged in a high-speed pursuit, until the Hummer became stuck in the mud near the Palamidessi Bridge. Three suspects fled. All three were caught – one with the help of a police dog, who bit the fleeing suspect. All three suspects were 17 years old and were taken to juvenile hall.

Jan. 7, 8:30 a.m.

On Halyard Drive, someone stole a 1989 Lincoln Town Car.

Jan. 7, 5:04 p.m.

A Terminal Street business reported that $20,000 worth of Michelin tires had been stolen.

Jan. 8, 11:30 a.m.

An officer recovered a stolen Chrysler Lebaron from a local towing company. The car had been stolen in Sacramento.

Jan. 8, 1:15 p.m.

An officer accepted custody of a woman detained for shoplifting at a local supermarket. She was released with a notice to appear in court.

Jan. 8, 1:45 p.m.

An officer took a petty theft report. A VCR and stereo were missing from a home, and the resident believed that delivery personnel took the equipment.

Jan. 8, 5 p.m.

A woman was stopped for a minor vehicle code violation on Jefferson Blvd. at Merkley. She was found to have never been issued a driver's license. Her vehicle was towed.

Jan. 8, 6 p.m.

On Park Blvd., a man was arrested on a federal warrant for re-entering the U.S. The man had been convicted of heroin trafficking and had been deported on the condition he not come back to this country.

Jan. 9, 10:35 a.m.

Police contacted a 36-year old female transient in a mobilehome parked on Duluth Street. The vehicle had expired registration tags and had been parked there for several months. The mobile home was towed, and the woman was arrested for warrants.

Jan. 9, 12:56 p.m.

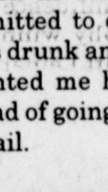
A man reported that his wife punched him during an argument. The woman wasn't immediately located by police.

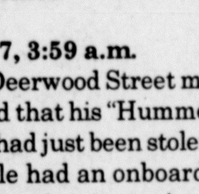
Jan. 9, 3:33 p.m.

Two vehicles collided near 5th and F streets. One driver was arrested for driving under the influence.

Jan. 10, 12:30 a.m.

A disturbance was reported at a Virginia Avenue house. Nobody was home, but there was a large-bladed knife on the front lawn and a front window was broken out. Checking the home, police found fresh blood on the kitchen floor and a bloody knife in the kitchen sink. The room with the broken window appeared ransacked. Neighbors could provide little information.





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2. Who was the first player to hit a home run for his 3,000th major-league hit?
3. How many national titles (including split championships) has the University of Alabama football team captured during the media poll years (starting in 1936)?
4. Name the three players in NBA history to average 20 points, five rebounds and five assists in their rookie years.
5. Who led the NHL in penalty minutes for a season more times: Dave Schultz or Tiger Williams?
6. In what Olympics did wrestler Dan Gable win a gold medal at 149 pounds?
7. Name the first Mexican golfer to win an LPGA Tour event.

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POP QUIZ:

1. Name West Sacramento's oldest local newspaper.

2. Name the only locally owned, independent newspaper in all of Yolo County.

3. Name the "official newspaper of record" of the City of West Sacramento.

4. What West Sacramento newspaper has the most subscribers?

ANSWERS:
1. The News-Ledger!
2. The News-Ledger!
3. The News-Ledger!
4. The News-Ledger!

OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

If anything, sights were set too low

Did you notice?

The News-Ledger reported a few weeks ago that 2004 brought about 1,400 new homes to West Sacramento -- a record year for home construction, and a growth rate approaching ten percent. Adding to a continued housing boom in Southport (close to 1,000 homes per year for several years) was new construction for the first time on a large scale in the city's older north.

Those who have been around a while remember when all this growth was just a gleam in someone's eye. For the first few years after the city incorporated in 1987, the city's leaders spent a lot of time working on plans: a general plan to lay out West Sacramento's future land use map in broad patterns, and specific plans such as the Southport Framework Plan, whose goal was to try to preserve some kind of village-clustered, small-town feel as the city's undeveloped southern half began to grow.

Often, critics warned that these plans were too ambitious. If these master plans asked for too much, the critics claimed, development would shy away and go somewhere else. Then West Sacramento would never get the "rooftops" needed to bring shopping opportunities and other amenities to town. Much better, they said, to stay with the tried-and-true style of suburban sprawl that had been done everywhere else in California for the past few decades. Never mind that this style of development has led to serious problems of traffic congestion, smog, air quality and lifestyle.

And so the critics voted to let the developers have their way, and not the starry-eyed academics perceived to make up the planning community.

The ambitious planners and the critics compromised -- too much, really. The truth is, West Sacramento really did have a whole bunch of prime real estate that would someday come due for development. Just look at a map of the city and its proximity to the capital for a little while and you'll see.

High goals were never the threat to growth that they were made out to be. West Sacramento opted for compromise in the battle between sprawl and modern urban planning. But it could have held out for more.

Letters to the Editor

Corrections

In regards to the article that ran in the January 5 issue of the News-Ledger about the West Sacramento Troopers boys soccer team, I would like to make some corrections. There are absolutely no plans to disband the team. In fact, the team is planning and looking forward to another great season in 2005. In addition, many of our greatly appreciated sponsors were left out. Without them we would not have been able to travel to and compete in the many tournaments this past season. We would like to thank them all. Vine, McKinnon & Hall, West Sacramento Fireman's Association, Jim Barudoni, Richland Planned Communities, Grupe Corporation, Turner Land Company and West Riverview, LLC, Glass West, and West Sacramento Family Eye Care.

VIC BAKARICH, JR.

I'm sorry

Thank you for running the article last week about the West Sacramento Troopers. I must apologize to the team and the coaches for running an inaccurate announcement of the team's disbanding. I also failed to list all of the team's fine sponsors and I'm very sorry for failing to include them all in the article.

JULIA K. McMICHAEL
West Sacramento

Recall Cabaldon

I thought outhouses went out years ago. But our fire department at station #41 has an outhouse and a cook house separate from their living quarters. They are now dealing with three separate trailers. One they use for their sleeping quarters, rec room, and the captain's office/sleeping quarters. Then there is one at least 61 feet away that they use for their shower and bathroom. The third one is for cooking. I would like to know why this city chose to get three trailers instead of one trailer with all the facilities in it? Would Christopher Cabaldon like an outhouse at his house and a separate cook house? The fire personnel at our firehouses put their lives on the line for us everyday and our city does this to them. Is the city punishing them for something? It seems they are. Would you like to live like this for who knows how long? They are happy to be back at the fire station so they may protect us and are not upset by this but I am. Has any work started on the firehouse? How long will they be living like this? What happened to the Measure K money? Has any of it been spent on the firehouse? Why is Christopher Cabaldon considering spending $18 million on West Capitol Avenue for beautification instead of repairing our firehouses? What is happening with the firehouse in Southport? Did it settle because of the dewatering? Why did the city spent $4.5 million on a railroad and $2 million on a motel we are not going to use? That would have helped pay for state of the art fire and police facilities plus more personnel.

If you agree with me let Christopher Cabaldon hear from you. The City of West Sacramento is the only organization I know that can buy land when real estate is low, sell when real estate is high, and still lose money. Taxpayer money.

We need to recall Christopher Cabaldon.

LINDA DROUGHT
West Sacramento

Prison changes needed

The California Department of Corrections, including the California Youth Authority, needs a major policy overhaul, not only to produce safer ex-cons, but to save several billions in the budgets, too. Such steps should include: (1) Eliminate capital punishment since it now takes so long, costs so much and clogs our courts with appeals. (2) Don't blow up CYA boxes, but re-examine the policy started in the late 1960's of closing mental institutions and find out how many of those now imprisoned are mental cases. (3) Restore rehabilitation programs that make would make recidivism far less likely. (4) Offer incentives to prison/CYA guards to train as social workers so they could find employment should the state need fewer guards. (5) Change the 25 years-to-life 3 strikes law so something so petty as stealing a pack of cigarettes no longer count as the 3rd strike.

Crime prevention, if studied more thoroughly, would reveal that much crime is committed when the wrongdoer is out of work, doesn't have access to and from a job, and often has social problems. If we want a safer society, changes need to be made.

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

Congratulations

The Early Childhood Education Program at Washington Unified School District is celebrating a big achievement of NAEYC (National Association for Education of Young Children) accreditation, accomplished by Eileen Sedilko, one of our preschool teachers. Eileen works at the Evergreen Elementary site and she also performs the Lead Teacher duties for the State Preschool part of our programs.

I am very proud of Eileen's accomplishment and would like to share her success with our community.

TEREZIA POZGAYOVA
Program Coordinator
Early Childhood Education

Got something to say?

This is the place to say it.
Send your 'Letter to the Editor' to:
News-Ledger, PO Box 463, West Sacramento CA 95691.
Please include your name, phone number and address.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 28, 2004
File No. 2004-1296

The following person is doing business as Suburban Energy Services, 2874 South Cherry, Fresno CA 93706:

Suburban Heating Oil Partners, LLC 240 Route 10 West, Whippany, NJ 07981.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

/s/Janice Meola Sokol
VP & Secretary, Gas Connection, Inc., sole member of Suburban Heating Oil Partners, LLC

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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec. 28, 2004
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 7, 2005
File No. 2005-026

The following person is doing business as Austerman, Inc., 1960 Channel Drive, West Sacramento CA 95691:

Elaine Austerman, 1410 Salmon Falls Rd, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/24/1993.

/s/Robert C. Austerman, Vice President, Austerman, Inc.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed JUN 11, 2003
File No. 2003-536

The following person is doing business as Walnut Manor Associates, 4863 Harbord Dr., Oakland CA 94618:

Craig Compiano, same address.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

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/s/Craig M. Compiano

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by: /s/Kristina A. Hunt, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 30, 2004
File No. 2004-1306

The following person is doing business as Great Clips for Hair, 1897 B Gibson Rd., Woodland CA 95695:

Hoppin' Shears Inc., 479 Mason St. #285, Vacaville, CA 95688.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/30/2004.

/s/Alice Wagner, President, Hoppin' Shears Inc.

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Date: Dec. 30, 2004
by: /s/Eleigh Fagel, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Aug 26, 2004
File No. 2004-840

The following person is doing business as E-Z Smog, 1460 East Main St., Suite B, Woodland CA 95695:

Michael Juneman, 1505 B 5th St., Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/26/04.

/s/Michael Juneman

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Aug. 26, 2004
by: /s/Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Aug 26, 2004
File No. 2004-842

The following person is doing business as E-Z Smog, 1505 B 5th St., Davis CA 95616:

Michael Junemann, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/1/04.

/s/Michael Junemann

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State of California
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Date: Aug 26, 2004
by: /s/Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 3, 2005
File No. 2005-06

The following person is doing business as Macias Janitorial Services, 437 Maple St. #129:

Maria Cervantes De Macias, 437 Maple St. #129, West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

/s/Maria Cervantes de Macias

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State of California
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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan 3, 2005
by: /s/Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy Clerk

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File No. 2004-1294
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: TAYLOR FREEZERS OF CALIFORNIA, 545 Jefferson Blvd., Unit 17, West Sacramento, CA 95605

Taylor Freezers of Southern California, Inc., (CA) 6825 E. Washington Blvd., Commerce, CA 90040

Business classification: a corporation.

Beginning Date of business: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/1/04.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

SIGNED: TAYLOR FREEZERS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, INC., BY: THOMAS E. CAPALBO, C.O.O.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on December 27, 2004.

NOTICE-This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the Office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 21, 2004
File No. 2004-1285

The following person is doing business as AAA Automotive Repair, 975 A Olive St, Davis CA 95616:

John Vickers and Cynthia Vickers, same address.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12-21-04.

/s/John Vickers
/s/Cynthia Vickers

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec. 21, 2004
by: /s/Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of ANTHONY MICHAEL ANDERSON, Minor.
NO. JV-04-00345
CITATION

TO: All Persons Claiming to Be the Father:

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on March 1, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor child born to Wendy Anderson on August 17, 2004. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 12-7-2004

/s/JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT

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NOTICE TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Storybook Cottage Daycare Center Conditional Use Permit. The project site is located at the southeast corner of Higgins Road and Allan Avenue in West Sacramento. This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of a major modification to the existing conditional use permit for the construction of a 6,002 square foot facility. The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone: 916/617-4645).

Any affected or interested parties may appear at the February 3, 2005, Planning Commission meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on February 3, 2005, in the City Council chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Jan 12

ORDINANCE SUMMARY

At their regular meeting on January 19, 2005, the West Sacramento City Council is scheduled to adopt Ordinance 05-2 making various changes to the Zoning Ordinance, including but not limited to certain uses in established zones, lot development standards, performance standards, signs, accessory uses buildings and structures, additional permitted uses, rail car loading facilities, screening requirements, and commercial coaches.

Jan 12

PUZZLES & COMICS

Amber Waves

COME ON IN, DEAR. I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET SOMEONE.
THIS IS MOLLY.
Amberwavescomics@aol.com
THAT'S A WEIRD NAME FOR A LITTLE BROTHER.
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TOLD HIM, HUH?
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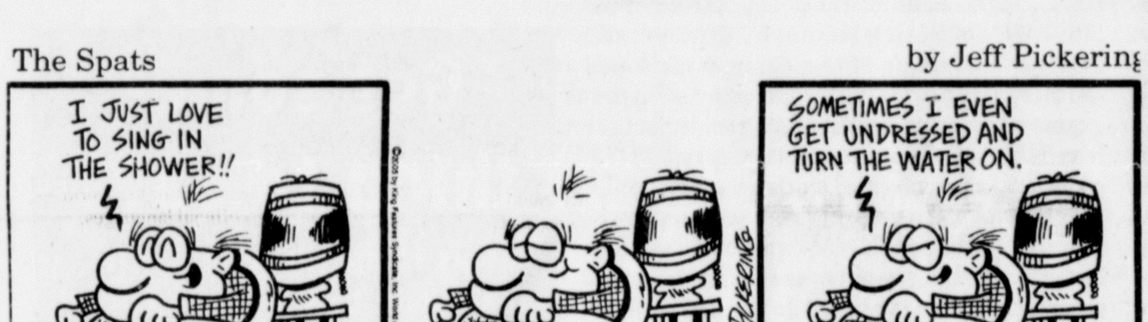
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...HEADING RIGHT INTO TRAFFIC!
THERE ARE NO BRAKES ON SKATEBOARDS...
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66 "Battle Cry" author
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93 Showy shrub
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113 "Islands in the —" ('83 hit)
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117 Terrible
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8 Besides
9 Ecclesiastic
10 Cartographer's creation
11 Give it — (try)
12 Hasty
13 That's no bull!
14 Grammy winner Woody
15 Dragon or Dracula
16 Words for a wimp
17 Lord's lair
18 Spirited steed
24 Norwegian name
29 Disconsolate
33 Humorist Buchwald
34 Tide type
36 Earliest
37 Word with cow or horse
39 Acts like a chicken
40 Tennis stroke
41 — Bell Wells
42 Donkey doc
43 Bulldogs
44 A shape that stops traffic
49 Tiny Tom
50 Soap opera, e.g.
52 Cassius' cohort
54 Pupil's place
55 Medieval menial
57 Bouquet
58 Mississippi port
60 Gary and Elizabeth
62 Kickoff
64 Muppet drummer
68 Quiet partner?
69 Hosts
70 Halloween greeting
71 Ancient deity
73 Shakespearean tragedy
77 German poet
78 Air bear?
79 Flexed, as muscles
85 Born
87 Italian wine
88 "The Jungle Book" bear
89 Glum drop?
94 Parental sibling
96 Sgt. or cpl.
97 Solid circle
98 New York city
100 Polo's place
102 Bk. convenience
104 — -wop
107 Singer Sheena
109 Literary pseudonym
110 Bright inventor?
111 Dictator
112 Pyramus' paramour
113 Move like 51 Across
114 "Archie" character
117 Push-button predecessor
119 Envelop
121 Schipa or Jackson
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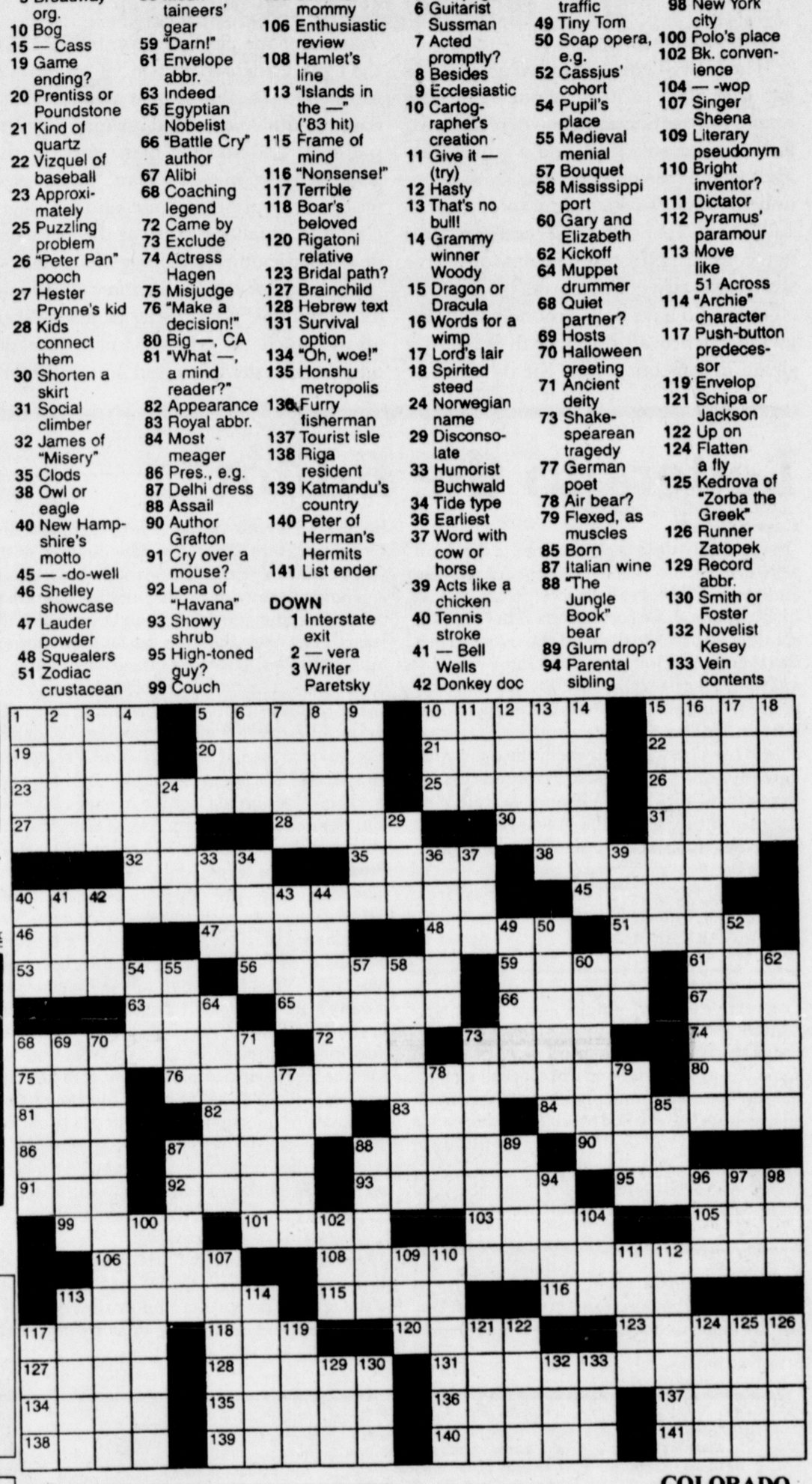

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

ACROSS
1. 5-Across plus 10-Across
3. Consecutive digits in ascending order
4. Two times 12-Down
5. Two times 16-Across
7. 15-Across plus 13-Down
10. Three times 15-Across
12. Seven times 3-Across
14. Consecutive digits in ascending order
15. The first digit is three times the last digit
16. Sixty more than 13-Down

DOWN
1. Thirty less than 9-Down
2. 4-Across minus 3-Across
3. Twenty more than 2-Down
4. One-half of 6-Down
6. Digits of 12-Across reversed
8. Seven more than 4-Down
9. 7-Across plus 8-Down
11. Two hundred more than 1-Across
12. Consecutive digits in ascending order
13. One-seventh of 1-Down

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MAGIC MAZE ● COLORADO MOUNTAIN PASSES

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C R B V P N O R E M A C Z C S

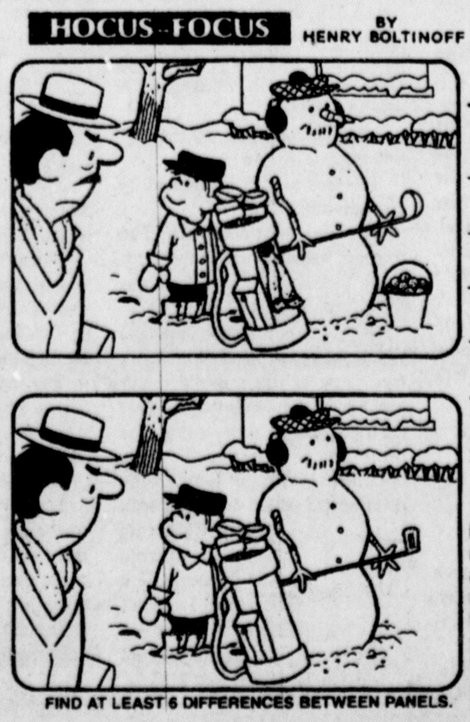
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Cameron, Cucharas, Douglas, Hardscrabble, Iceberg, Juniper, Kenosha, McClure, Pawnee, Poncha, Raton, Red Hill, Slumgullion, Ute, Vail

FLASH GORDON
BY JIM KEEFE
AS BARIN'S GUARDS SWARM TO APPREHEND MING AND DUROK...
BAF!
THEY'VE VANISHED!
MEANWHILE...
DOC, TRY TO REESTABLISH THE LINK TO THE SPACE PORTAL...
WE'RE LOSING DALE!
I'M ON MY WAY!
DALE ARDEN
DR. HANS ZARKOV
THROUGH SHEER FORCE OF WILL, FLASH REACHES THROUGH THE BARRIER SEPARATING HIM FROM HIS BELOVED...
FZASK!!
...ONLY TO BE REPELLED BACK AS THE PORTAL CLOSES...
...THE CONNECTION LOST!
NEXT: THE PROMISE!

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

TUNING IN by Sally Stone

A Conversation with Keri Russell

On Sunday, Jan. 30, CBS will air the Hallmark Hall of Fame production "The Magic of Ordinary Days." The film is set in the 1940s and focuses on a young woman named Livy, who becomes pregnant by her G.I. lover and is married off to a farmer named Ray Singleton. It's a marriage of convenience arranged by her father. But as time passes, these two "strangers" make a life-changing discovery about each other. The film's stars include Skeet Ulrich ("As Good as It Gets") as Ray, Mare Winningham ("The Boys Next Door") as his sister, and Keri Russell ("Felicity") as Livy.

"The Magic of Ordinary Days"
CBS
Sunday, Jan. 30

Keri Russell says the one thing that struck her about her character, Livy Dunne, in "The Magic of Ordinary Days" was how extraordinary Livy was for a woman of her time.

"She was in graduate school, which was not a typical place for women to be in the 1940s," Russell says. "It was during World War II, and she had had an affair with a soldier and had become pregnant, and her life changes completely: Her father, who is a very strict minister, finds someone who will marry her — take her far away — and raise her child. And, suddenly, this woman who obviously had had a great future ahead of her, finds herself married to someone she doesn't know, probably could never love, and goes to live in some small place she never heard of.

"Livy and Ray are awkward with each other," Russell says, "and can hardly bear to share the same space. But in time, she realizes that Ray, this quiet man who never speaks about his feelings, has come to love her. She realizes how much she needs to be loved, and this helps her see him in a different way. She starts to open up to him, and their relationship begins to change."

Russell agrees that today, most women would be troubled by Livy's acceptance of both the marriage and, essentially, of being sent into exile, far from her home, her family and her friends.

"But 60 years ago," Russell says, "women had relatively few choices about how they wanted to live their lives, and an unmarried woman with a child had even fewer."

Keri Russell has been busy since "Felicity" went off the air. She's done a number of features, including "We Were Soldiers" and the soon-to-be-released "The Upside of Anger." Russell recently wrapped the miniseries "Into the West," which is scheduled to air later this season. She also made her off-Broadway debut in the hit production "Fat Pig" at the Lucille Lortel Theatre in New York.

"(The play) shows our obsession with how people look," she says, "and how, in judging others by their appearance, we are also judging ourselves. ... It's very funny, and as you know, a lot of truth comes out of humor."

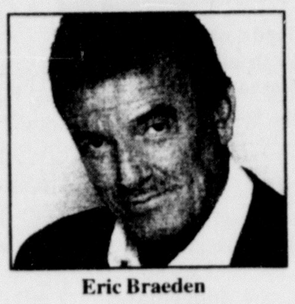
In Focus

On Feb. 1, theater, film ("Titanic") and television actor **Eric Braeden** celebrates his 25th year playing Victor Newman, the hard-driving tycoon on the CBS daytime series "The Young and The Restless."

The German-born Braeden started his American career on the stage, and then moved into films, one of which, "Colossus: The Forbin Project," became a sci-fi classic. He also starred in the TV series "The Rat Patrol." In 1980, Braeden was asked to guest on "Y&R." He recalls, "I was reluctant to accept. I was doing quite well (in prime-time television), so why would I want to do anything on daytime? But my friend **Dabney Coleman** ('The Guardian') said, 'Do it. You'll love it. Besides, it will only be for a little while.'

"He was right about one thing," says Braeden. "I did love it. Still do."

The son of a World War II German military officer, Braeden was recently



Eric Braeden

given an award by Israel for his work over the years to foster closer ties between Germany and the Jewish community. He has also taken strong stands on a number of social and political issues. Most recently he spoke against what he sees as the administration's "troubling" disregard for the opinions of other countries that may disagree with some of America's policies.

"We cannot forget that we are part of an interdependent world," Braeden says, "and we cannot (behave) as if only we have God's ear."

As for those who might question his criticism of the government, Braeden, who was born shortly after the end of World War II and grew up acutely aware of the country's then-recent experience under a dictatorship, says, "The most patriotic thing you can do in a democracy is exercise your right of free speech, including speaking up when you feel your government has taken a wrong turn. Actually, it is not only your right, it's your duty."

DIAL TONE: On Sunday, Jan. 30, A&E will air the film "See Arnold Run," the story of **Arnold Schwarzenegger's** rise from a poor childhood in Austria to become one of the world's most popular film stars and the governor of California. **Mariel Hemingway** plays his wife, Maria Shriver, and **Jurgen Prochnow** ("Das Boot") plays Schwarzenegger.

Books

Green Mountain, White Cloud: A Novel of Love in the Ming Dynasty
by François Cheng (trans. by Timothy Bent)
(St. Martin's Press, $22.95)
Reviewed by Ealish Waddell

He was a violinist with a traveling theater troupe; she was the young daughter of a wealthy family. At that fateful party, Dao-Sheng and Lan-Ying simply shared a few stolen glances across a crowded room, but it was enough to plunge them deeply into love with one another, and thus reshape their entire lives.

Lan-Ying's jealous fiance drives Dao-Sheng out of town, banishing him to harsh forced labor that ruins his ability to play his instrument. Dao-Sheng finds refuge in Taoist monasteries, where he learns the arts of healing and fortune-telling. But he can't forget Lan-Ying, and 30 years later, he is drawn back to the city where it all began.

There he finds a woman whose loveless marriage has all but destroyed her — until the miracle of their reunion begins to bring her back to life. Forced by propriety to remain all but strangers, the two must find creative ways to see each other.

Meanwhile, Lan-Ying's invalid husband has noticed her sudden bloom, and he schemes to learn her secret, newly obsessed with his cast-off wife and willing to go to great lengths to keep her in his possession.

From youthful passion to reverent admiration, pure desire to cruel lust, faithful waiting to almost unbearable longing, this beautiful story touches on nearly every aspect of human passion. It also explores the ways in which humans care for each other spiritually, touching on the altruistic and compassionate ideals of Buddhism, Taoism and Christianity.

A work of delicacy and deep beauty, "Green Mountain" is a powerful, profound meditation on the nature of love.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.N.A Smith

"The Aviator"

Running time: 168 minutes
MPAA rating: PG-13

The great thing about Martin Scorsese is that he can only make two kinds of movies: masterpieces and not-quite-masterpieces. "The Aviator," a biopic of Howard Hughes starring Leonardo DiCaprio, isn't one of Scorsese's masterpieces, but it comes close.

The film chronicles Hughes' life from the late 1920s to the 1940s, his heyday as a brash, ambitious, orphaned young millionaire who fancied himself a moviemaker, pilot, engineer and airline mogul — a dashing, handsome celebrity who bedded many of Old Hollywood's most famous actresses.

The film also attempts to get at the root of Hughes' obsessive-compulsive phobia of germs and his infatuation with women's bosoms. That's a lot of ground to cover in one movie, and Scorsese almost nails it.

"The Aviator" is a visually stunning work. Scorsese does a spectacular job of presenting the look and feel of Old Hollywood and the '20s, '30s and '40s. And his allusions to great films of the day like "Citizen Kane" and the works of Frank Capra (the climactic showdown between Hughes and a Senate committee would fit right in with "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington") also add to the film's aesthetic. There is also a jarring scene featuring a crash landing that will slam you back in your seat. It was incredible to watch.

Although DiCaprio doesn't resemble Hughes, he does a pretty good job of getting into the guy's head. The one thing working against Leo is that baby face of his. He looks too young for the role, and it becomes glaringly apparent in the scenes with Cate Blanchett and also in the later scenes, when he's supposed to be in his 50s. It's not enough to pull you totally out of the film, but enough for you to notice.

Where the film really stumbles is in its running time. "The Aviator" clocks in at nearly three hours in length. The first and third acts of the movie are

Leonardo Di Caprio

brilliant. The middle chunk isn't.

After Katherine Hepburn (brilliantly portrayed by Blanchett, who deserves an Oscar for her performance) leaves Hughes for Spencer Tracy, we kind of wish we'd gone with her. The scenes following her exit seem choppy and episodic. I got the impression that I was watching a film that had been much longer but had to be hacked down for a reasonable running time.

This movie needed to be either 20 minutes shorter or an hour longer to be perfect. I get the feeling Scorsese didn't want it any shorter and the studio didn't want it to be longer. Hopefully there will be a director's cut of the film on DVD.

GRADE: B-

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Strange BUT TRUE
By Samantha Weaver

• You might be surprised to learn that it was Henry Kissinger who made the following observation: "Nobody will ever win the battle of the sexes. There's too much fraternizing with the enemy."

• The first recorded fire insurance was issued in Germany in 1591.

• In 1800, if you wanted to buy a reliable timepiece, you had to be prepared to shell out some serious money. At that time, a good clock cost about 80 percent of a man's annual salary.

• What do kittens, rabbits, wolves, hedgehogs, cheetahs and pandas have in common? They're all born blind.

• Many people are frustrated in social situations because they can remember someone's face, but can't come up with a name; others have the opposite problem, being able to remember names of people they meet but not what they look like. Some have speculated that the reason for this phenomenon is that memory of people's names is stored in the left side of the brain, while memory of face recognition is stored in the right side.

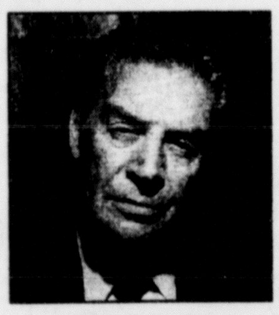
• The country of India — the second most populous nation in the world — recognizes 15 official languages.

• The next time you see a school bus, you can put the official name to the ubiquitous yellow color: "National School Bus Chrome Yellow."

• Holiday Inns at one time offered on-call doctors.

CELEBRITY extra

Q. I was very saddened to hear about the death of Jerry Orbach. Like me, I had hoped he would win his battle with prostate cancer. Now that he has passed on, what will happen to his "Law and Order" spin-off? — *Martin L., Alliance, Ohio*



Jerry Orbach

A. Many of us thought Jerry Orbach would beat his cancer and were shocked to hear of his passing. NBC has stated that production of "Law and Order: Trial by Jury" will go on in the wake of the star's death. The series, set to debut in late February or early March, will feature Orbach in three of its episodes. Co-stars Bebe Neuwirth and Fred Thompson will carry on the series without the acclaimed actor.

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK
by Philomena Corradeno

EASY-TO-PREPARE SUPER BOWL FARE

It's almost here — Feb. 6, Super Bowl Sunday, when fans gather to shout and jump from chairs and sofas. The game and entertainment are important, but so is the food.

If you're hosting a Super Bowl party, you'll want something that's easy to prepare, delicious and easy to eat, because real fans won't let their eyes wander. Provide plates (sturdy plastic-coated paper, of course) so there's no constant reaching and spilling.

Dips are one answer, and I'm not talking a gloppy sour cream and onion concoction. Here are two dips highlighting avocados from Mexico, one a classic guacamole with suggested add-ins to make it your own creation. The Avocado, Mango and Shrimp is more than a dip, but it is a winner, and you'll also want to serve it as a first course or salad at dinners.

Just a bit about avocados from Mexico, which will be available through mid-April. They are the buttery, velvety textured Hass variety with the not-so-pretty rough skin. Buy them a day or two ahead if they're still firm to the touch, and let them ripen fully on the counter. You may speed up ripening by storing them in a closed paper bag. They're ready when they yield to your thumb's gentle pressure on the broad end of the fruit.

For more information on how to select, ripen and store avocados, along with nutritional data and a few more recipes in a free leaflet, send your name and address to Mexican Avocado Leaflet, c/o Lewis and Neile, Inc., 35 East 21st St., 10th floor, New York, NY 10010.

GUACAMOLE PICADO
- *2 fully ripened Mexican avocados*
- *1 cup diced plum tomatoes*
- *1 medium onion, chopped (about 1/2 cup)*
- *1/2 cup chopped cilantro*
- *1 tablespoon finely chopped serrano or jalapeño chile*
- *1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil*
- *1 tablespoon lime juice*

Halve avocados; remove pit and peel avocados; dice. In large bowl, combine tomatoes, onion, cilantro, chile, olive oil and lime juice. Stir in avocados. Season with salt to taste. Serve with tortilla chips. Makes about 3 cups.

CLASSIC MEXICAN GUACAMOLE
- *2 fully ripened Mexican avocados, halved, pitted and peeled*
- *2 tablespoons minced onion*
- *2 teaspoons minced jalapeño pepper*
- *1/2 teaspoon salt*

In a small bowl, mash avocados with fork or potato masher to make a slightly chunky mixture. Stir in onion, jalapeño and salt. Serve with tortilla chips or crudite. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

Optional Add-ins:
- *1 tablespoon chopped cilantro*
- *1/2 teaspoon minced garlic or 2 teaspoons roasted chopped garlic*
- *1/4 cup salsa*
- *1 tablespoon tequila*

AVOCADO, MANGO AND SHRIMP APPETIZER
- *2 fully ripened avocados*
- *1 (8-ounce) bag frozen fully cooked small shrimp (about 1 1/2 cups), thawed and finely chopped*
- *1/2 cup diced ripe mango*
- *1/4 cup finely diced red onion*
- *2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh cilantro*
- *2 tablespoons lime juice*
- *1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce*
- *1/2 teaspoon salt*
- *1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper*

Halve, pit and peel avocados; finely dice. In a bowl, gently combine avocado, shrimp, mango, red onion, cilantro, lime juice, pepper sauce, salt and ground pepper. Serve with tortilla chips or on lettuce leaves. Makes about 2 1/2 cups.

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AGENDAS from p. 1

use plans being developed by the consulting firm Parsons Brinckerhoff. The planning process is a joint process involving the port, the City of West Sacramento and the port's other governing partners.

The master plan will be a non-binding suggestion for the port. The port is in dire financial straits, and the future of its real estate holdings are a subject of debate.

The four land use plan alternatives will be presented on Tuesday, Jan. 18, in a workshop lasting from 6-9 p.m. at the first floor galleria in the West Sacramento Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue. Public input will help formulate a "preferred land use plan" for the port property. Planners ask that visitors RSVP by January 14, by calling Nanette Cordell at 617-4535 or by emailing nc@ci.west-sacramento.ca.us.

Two days later, planning commission members and visitors to their meeting will receive a presentation on the four land use alternatives. The meeting will be held in the city council chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, January 20. Public comment will be accepted and will be used to help formulate the "preferred" land use alternative.

The preferred alternative is tentatively scheduled for a return to the planning commission at the commission's February 17 meeting. At the meeting, the commission will be asked to recommend the preferred alternative to the West Sacramento City Council and the Port of Sacramento.

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PAGE FROM THE PAST

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 1919. THE YOLO INDEPENDENT

WOUNDED BY SHRAPNEL AND GASSED AT THE FRONT

On Monday, April 21st with the 363d Field Artillery, Edmund Belli, second son of Mrs. A. Fontana by her first husband, arrived in Sacramento and was among the boys who were so enthusiastically received by the citizens.

Belli had seen hard service at the front and was wounded by shrapnel and gassed during the fighting in the Argonne Forest.

Mrs. Fontana had not seen her son for several years till he pulled into the Sacramento depot on the morning of the 21st.

The meeting was a happy one because Mrs. Fontana feared for a time she might lose her boy.

Taking him to her home she literally killed "the fatted calf." A wonderful Italian dinner had been cooked by her for the occasion and this Belli thoroughly enjoyed.

Mrs. Fontana is a native of Belgium. She listened with rapt attention to the recital of her son concerning the destruction wrought in the country. All of the afternoon was spent at the Fontana home in this recital.

Belli was accompanied by a pal, Charles Darnell, who was also a member of the 363d.

Both young men had brought several souvenirs of the battle fields and spent the entire afternoon showing them to their friends and relating their experiences.

They left that night for the Presidio to get their discharges.

WASHINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT MAY ADD TO APPARATUS

Owing to the fact that much fire fighting apparatus is on sale in Sacramento at the present writing to be disposed of mostly on account of the fact that it is out of tune with motor driven implements, the Washington Volunteer Firemen may decide to purchase some of the material,

Among the lot advertised for sale by the City Commissioners of Sacramento are several hose carts, some chemical apparatus and some horse-drawn vehicles.

The Washington firemen are anxious to secure some of this and will likely do so because the prices are below normal.

Schiller Lodge of Odd Fellows has the honor so far of being the organization subscribing the largest sum to the Victory Loan in Sacramento County in the amount of $2,500.

And yet all the members of Schiller Lodge of Odd Fellows are either of German birth or the descendents of German parents.

Who said disloyalty?

ing received his discharge from the army. He was a member of the 363d Infantry and returned without a scratch.

Miss E. Coupe of Challenge, Yuba County, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. L. Case. She expects to remain here for some time.

The Parent-Teachers dance last Tuesday evening was a great success. A good crowd of local people attended and many from Sacramento were present.

W. A. Parkinson has been confined to his home during the past few days with a spell of malaria.

E. C. White of Riverbank is rejoicing in a late acquisition, a new Ford, thoroughly equipped with all modern appliances, like a real auto. It has a self starter, a clock and a brake.

Much needed repairs are being made to the surfacing on the S. P. bridge in the laying of new wooden blocks and filling of chuck holes at the end of the incline at this side of the river.

ACCESS TO YOLO BASIN LANDS BEING MADE EASY

Now that the water in the Yolo Basin has practically receded to such an extent that cultivation of land outside the reclamation districts is permissable, steps are about to oe taken to construct a passable road to the district.

North of the Southern Pacific tracks and west of the western levee of District No. 785, many thousand acres of land are available for cultivation. This is especially true this year, although during the winter a vast amount of water covered those lands.

Before the Yolo couseway was constructed the Tule Jake road was the only means of communication between Washington and Davis, outside the S. P. Railroad and the Northern Electric Railroad.

The Tule Jake Road is the only road now leading to the lands located in the Yolo Basin.

But over the dredger canal within the basin there has been no bridge, hence communication by team or tractors was impossible up to this time.

Last Wednesday Supervisor Leinberger had lumber hauled with which to build a bridge over that canal and men are at work today construction the bridge. This will afford the Conaway interests and the Swanston interests to cultivate the land for beans or other crops that may be raised during the fall.

Last year hundreds of acres of ground were plowed for the first time in history. But because cultivation was extremely difficult and the land very dry, the product was practically nil.

Extra cultivation this year, it is anticipated, will lead to a better condition of the land and a much larger crop of beans and other products.

WEST SACRAMENTO ROAD BEING REPAIRED

Since last Saturday the road through West Sacramento leading south from the M-street bridge has been badly cut up by the great heavy trucks of farm produce being hauled from the district to the canneries in Sacramento.

Last spring this road was repaired with a solidite pavement by the D. C. Howard Company and as soon as the hot weather began to force the oil to the surface the truck tires with heavy loads started deterioration by fastening themselves to the oil and gouging the surfacing from the road.

A force of men is now at work repairing the damage done during the past few days and re-covering the road with rock screenings to prevent any further damage.

The solidite pavement has been placed in many sections of Yolo and Sacramento counties and has always proved satisfactory with the exception of this road mentioned.

With the placing of extra rock to shield the oil, it is anticipated there will be no further trouble.

BOWLEN SOLD TO ZEIMER

The Riverbank Ian, operated during the past year by C. M. Bowlen, has been sold by him to Al Zeimer of Sacramento.

This is a famous old stand and was known for years as "Leinberger's Cafe."

The new owner is a famous entertainer. He has operated some of the renowned cafes of San Francisco and Sacramento has has had wonderful success.

Zeimer will make his home in Riverbank and will take an active part in all municipal affairs.

There will be optimists till Doom's Day.

Attorney General Mitchell Palmer said the other day that President Woodrow Wilson could be re-elected if he so desired.

ADDITIONAL WAREHOUSE WILL BE BUILT BY RICE MILLS

Approval by the heads of the corporation is the only thing that remains before the construction of an additional warehouse will be made by the California State Rice Milling Company.

Plans and specifications have been forwarded to the Louisiana headquarters of the company for approval and their return any day is expected, to give warrant for the immediate start to build an additional warehouse.

Mr. T. J. Garvey advises The Independent that this new warehouse will measure 150x350 feet and will be built parallel to the present warehouse, but on the west side of the railroad track leading to the mill

The necessity for further warehouse room was apparent during the rice season of the past fall and winter when the mill was running to capacity and turning out vast quantities of rice products for shipment to all parts of the world.

At this writing the mill is practically closed, so far as milling is concerned but other operations are keeping about twenty-five men at work in the warehouse and mill building.

A great deal of additional machinery is being added to the equipment o fthe mill, in order to meet the increased business anticipated during the coming fall and winter.

The mill is still operating under the control of the U. S. Government, or rather under the Food Conservation Administration, but this method of operation, like many other similar concerns, will cease with signing of peace terms.

Mr. Garvey believes that he will be in possession of authority to go ahead with the construction of the additional warehouse within the next ten days.

ESTATE OF WM. BORCHERS ESTIMATED AT $15,000.

Woodland, April 28.—Mrs. Jessie B. Borchers petitioned for letters of administration Saturday upon the estate of her deceased husband, William Borchers, who died intestate in West Sacramento on April 20, 1919, leaving an estate in real and personal property located in Yolo and Sacramento Counties valued at about $15,000. The heirs at law are the petitioner, the widow, and William E. Borchers, a son aged 13 years, both residents of West Sacramento.

CIRCULATION OF GAS PETITIONS HAS STARTED

Formal petitions for a supply of gas to the citizens and property owners of Washington have been made out by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and delivered to the ladies of the Washington Improvement Club and the Parent-Teachers' Association for signatures.

No delay will be occasioned by laxity on the part of these ladies, for they are anxious to show to the corporation that every citizen and property owner in the town wants a supply.

Provided sufficient signatures be secured to warrant the expenditure of installation the company, in all probability, will extend the mains from Sacramento.

It is to show that the people are willing to subscribe to this progressive idea that the company asks the signatures and especially so now because of the extraordinary high prices prevailing for material that is necessary in offering a gas supply.

The Ford Corporation must pay a State tax in California according to a decision rendered by Judge Shields a few days ago.

Perhaps that was the reason that Ford decided to enter the newspaper business, so that he might have the opportunity to lambaste decisions of this character.

BIRTH OF FIVE ALBERICI CHILDREN TO BE ESTABLISHED

Woodland, April 24.—To unravel a tangle of family complications, Attorney H. M. Ball will file a petition as novel as any ever filed in the Yolo Superior Court. It will ask Superior Judge William A. Anderson to "establish the birth of Victorio, Ettore, Elvira, Alfredo and Ernest Alberici," children of Mr. and Mrs. A. Alberici, who are prominent in the Bryte section east of this city. The parents will be the petitioners.

Five children were born to the couple, each time the mother being unattended by a physician. No birth certificate was filed.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN WILL GIVE DANCE

A meeting of the Washington Volunteer Fire Department was held Thursday night, at which it was decided that at the next regular meeting, May 8th, the by-laws of the association should be amended. The members voted to give a dance in the near future. The following committee was named to arrange for the dance and to propose amendments to the by-laws:

Eddie Moss, I. K. Manchester, J. N. Bennetts, A. A. Dassonville and Ralph Shaw. This committee will hold a meeting Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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Dancing

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classes (may be taken anytime over a six-month period). Call 617-4620.

Preschool

There are openings for three-year olds at Discovery Preschool, operated by the City of West Sacramento at the Sam Combs Family Center, 205 Stone Blvd. The program acquaints kids with numbers, shapes, colors and the alphabet. Three-month session, fees vary.

Students must be potty-trained.

Call 617-4620.

Graduation

A ceremony will be held for the graduating class of the Yolo County Conservation Partnership at 1 p.m. on January 21 at the county board of supervisors chambers, 625 Court Street in Woodland. The program provides community-based activities for wards of the court, with 15 youths participating in each five-month session.

Acting Academy

Registration is being accepted for the Woodland Opera House Young People's Theatre Acting Academy. Six-week winter courses include creative drama, actor's workshop, musical theatre and scene study. Course fees are $70-$90. Call (530) 666-9617.

History society

Yolo County's Historical Society will host author John Lofland to discuss his new book, "Davis: Radical Changes, Deep Constants," a history of the city of Davis since 1868. The talk and general meeting will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 23, at the Hattie Weber Museum, 5th and C streets in Davis. Open to the public.

Crop disaster

Signups for the 2003-2004 Crop Disaster Program will begin in late March. Visit ftp://ftp.fsa.usda.gov/public/notices/DAP_212.pdf for information.

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January 22nd with docent guided walks beginning at 9 a.m. You will hike through grasslands to a viewing platform and enjoy birds of prey and seasonal migratory birds.

To reach the refuge trail head, take Interstate 5 to the Elk Grove Boulevard exit, turn west, and park; the refuge entrance is adjacent to the highway. For more information call 775-4420.

Martin Luther King Jr. celebrations

California State University at Sacramento will host *And the Dream Goes On, A Celebration in Song, Word and Dance,* from January 7-16 at the CSUS University Theater located at Shasta Hall, 6000 J Street in Sacramento. Tickets are free but must be picked up 45 minutes before show time. For information about performance times call 557-1999.

The 18th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. March will be held on January 17th beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Oak Park Community Center in Sacramento followed by a celebration at the Sacramento Convention Center beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Mexican miniature paintings

A rare and varied collection of some of Mexico's most cherished and historic works of art, miniature religious paintings known as *retablos*, will be on display at California State University, Sacramento's University Library Gallery from Dec. 3 through Feb. 18. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

CSUS is located at 6000 J Street in Sacramento. For more information call 278-7897.

New exhibit at Crocker Art Museum

Sacramento's Crocker Art Museum will present "Neo Mod: Recent Northern California Abstraction" from November 20 to January 30. The new exhibit will feature works about the contemporary cultural environment which unite tradition with innovation.

The Crocker Art Museum was founded in 1885 and is located at 216 O Street in downtown Sacramento. For more information call 264-5423.

YMCA childcare

Need a fun place for your child to play and learn during the day? Have you considered the YMCA? The YMCA offers licensed childcare for children ages 3 months to 12 years of age. The programs operate five days a week. The cost varies depending on the age of your child. Call 452-9622 ext. 111 for more information on locations and prices.

Folsom History Museum exhibit

Opening October 23rd and continuing through Feburary of next year the Folsom History Museum will host an extensive exhibit in conjunction with the Sacramento Art Deco Society. A variety of objects will be on display including toys, sheet music, figurines and much more.

The Folsom History Museum is located at 823 Sutter Street and will be open daily during August and September, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 985-2707.

Dude ranch visits

If you are planning a vacation for yourself or your family, visiting a dude ranch might be just what you're looking for. For information you can visit www.duderanch.org or contact The Dude Ranchers' Association, PO Box 2307, Cody, WY 82414 for a free directory of over 100 dude ranches in 12 western states and two Canadian provinces.

Alzheimer's society meets

The Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California Support Group for the Memory Impaired will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in January at 10:30 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Aid Society Office, 2641 Cottage Way, Suite #4 in Sacramento. For more information on other related groups and meetings, call 448-7001.

Widowed persons meet

The Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support get-togethers each Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the Widowed Persons Association office, located at 2628 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-18.

Activities include bowling, brown bag opera, needle and thread, breakfasts, dinners, golf, card games, dancing and traveling. For more information, call 972-9722.

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Rational Numbers *answers*

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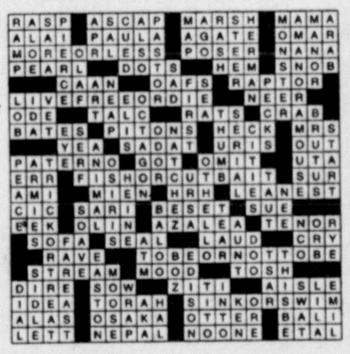

Differences: 1. Mustache is missing. 2. Buttons are missing. 3. Towel is missing. 4. Carrot is missing. 5. Club is different. 6. Pail is missing.

Answers

1. First baseman Derrek Lee and 2nd baseman Luis Castillo.
2. Wade Boggs of Tampa Bay in 1999.
3. Seven — 1961, 1964, 1965, 1973, 1978, 1979 and 1992.
4. Oscar Robertson (1960-61), Michael Jordan (1984-85) and LeBron James (2003-04).
5. Schultz did it four times (1973-75, 1978) and Williams three times (1977, 1979 and 1981).
6. It was 1972.
7. Lorena Ochoa in 2004 at the Franklin American Mortgage Championship in Tennessee.

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Magic maze *Answers*

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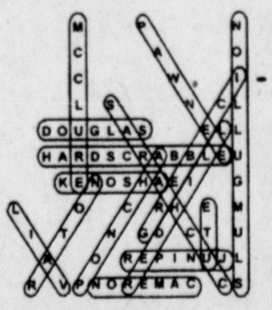

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